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Coronavirus Scare

Mysuru partially shut

- Malls, theatres closed; tourist spots wear deserted look
- Goods transport hit; many stay indoors; less people travel

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (RK,MTY & BCT)- As the State Government went into a battle mode to arrest the march of Novel Coronavirus, the city went into a lock-down mode with popular weekend spots like malls, cinemas and swimming pools remaining out of bounds for public this morning.

This scene will prevail till a week as the popular hang-outs are unlikely to bring in the crowds following most families staying at homes in the wake of Karnataka Government's slew of precautionary measures where large gatherings including weddings and sporting events have been banned. All kinds of exhibitions, summer camps, conferences, events and birthday parties have also been banned.

Meanwhile, with the second death of a 68-year-old woman in New Delhi and with 85 positive cases of COVID-19, India too has launched a containment lock-down with several States closing schools, colleges and theatres and cancelling public events.

All malls in Mysuru like the Forum City Centre, Mall of Mysore, BM Habitat Mall and Garuda Mall and amusement parks like the GRS Fantasy Park and Snow Park were closed and 'No Show' boards were displayed in front of theatres and multiplexes. While people moved around in private vehicles and public transport, there were no large gatherings including in places like Mysore Palace, Zoo, Krishna Raja Sagar, Ranganathittu, Chamundi Hill and other places of tourist interest.

(See MYSURU on page 13)

Virus prank goes viral; two arrested

Spreading rumours about Coronavirus could land you in jail

Chamarajanagar / Mysuru, Mar. 14 (BCT)- People who circulate rumours or fake news on social media platforms sparking Coronavirus panic among the public may face jail terms.

In the first action of its kind in Karnataka in connection with the COVID-19 outbreak, two youth have been arrested for pulling a prank on their friends by posting online that their friends — a man from Gundlupet and a woman from Nanjangud — were infected with Coronavirus.

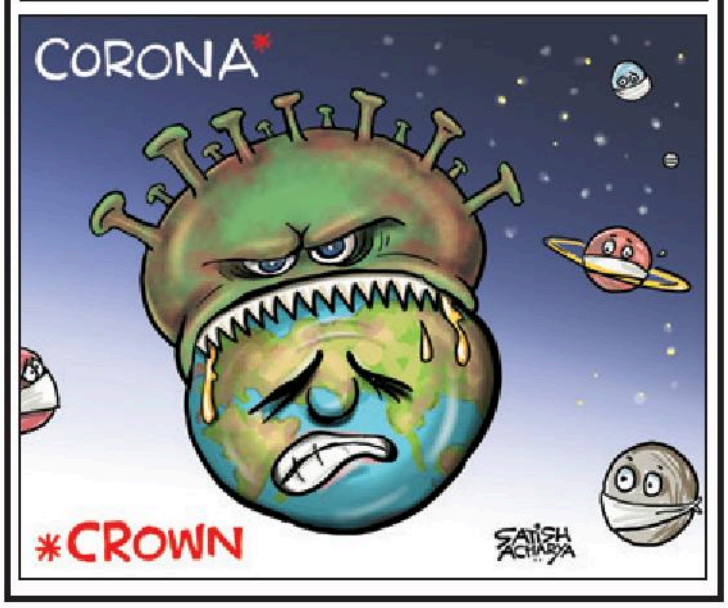
The arrested have been identified as Nagendra alias Nagesh, a resident of Neelakantanagar in Nanjangud and Lokesh of Kavudavade village in Chamarajanagar taluk.

The Police questioned the duo for spreading rumours on WhatsApp days after the Government made it clear that spreading misinformation would attract strict legal action.

After they were formally arrested, they were produced before a Court yesterday that has sent them to judicial custody.

(See ARRESTED on page 13)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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Mysuru, Saturday 14th March 2020

Connecting by celebrating

The feature of nearly 140 crore people of India, following diverse faiths, celebrating festivals that have endured for several centuries has no parallel in any other country across the world. Creating a directory, even an encyclopedia, of the innumerable festivals being celebrated with fervour throughout the year that can be envy of the atheists and agnostics, can mean an enormous effort. It shall take a large group of people representing every section in the population marked by faiths, practices, beliefs, languages, ethnicity, regions and so on, not to forget the tribes living in forests as well as hilly spaces away from cities and villages, the last mentioned section accounting for nearly eight percent of the country's population. The sources of information relating to festivals, including those that are not common across the country, such as Ramanavami, Ganesh Chathurthi, Shivarathri, Holi, Deepavali, Ramzan and so on, already traced to published literature, are to be found in the form of palm leaf stocks in many Oriental Libraries, material zealously kept by families of their scholarly ancestors, articles written by the knowledgeable authors in dailies, weeklies and other periodicals, proceedings of conferences, seminars, symposiums and other congregations. Exponents of folklore and scholars who deliver discourses with episodes drawn from the country's epics are also rich sources of information on the land's festivals.

Every festival, apart from offering prayers to specific deities as per rituals and chanting verses composed by spiritually oriented ancestors of a disant past, has its dateline prepared in the form of almanacs that people celebrating the festivals strictly follow. Some may rightly feel that in the midst of high decibel sound that is part of mass celebrations of festivals, the spiritual side has tended to be a casualty.

Anthropologists, particularly highly rated professionals in the field of studying human evolution, socially and culturally, may vouch that in the process of mankind's evolution, one thing that has remained constant is the feature of celebrating festivals. The scholarly ancestors may have conceived festival celebration as means of establishing our connection with divinity. While the number of the land's people in both urban and rural parts taking active part in the celebrations has grown steadily, the occasions are marked more by emotion than spirituality. Awareness about the reason(s) why every festival is celebrated as a tradition may need greater outreach, particularly among the millennials.

Scholarly discourses by noted practioners of the profession of *harikatha* in many languages seem to facilitate closing gap of the lacuna of people, knowing the country's past refined culture of people over centuries past. If the objective of connecting people among themselves and with our roots to egg them on for doing good deeds, the day is done.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

It is an unfortunate reality in the world today that most people are too focused on the negativity of life. Whatever you focus on, you breed that and make that grow. Whatever you pay attention to, that grows and enlarges itself. Even in the press, certain things need to be exposed, but at the same time, focusing just on the negative things that are happening in society will only multiply them. It will enter people's minds in such a way, and people will begin to think that this is all that is happening. People lose hope and trust because most human beings on the planet need to be inspired to act in a certain way. So it is very important that in a society, there are lots of positive situations which inspire people to act. *— Sadhguru in The New Sunday Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Employee used as human hand sanitizer stand

Riyad: Saudi Arabia State-owned oil company, Aramco, has been forced to apologize for using one of its employees as a human stand for a hand sanitizing gel dispenser.

The oil giant attracted severe criticism this week after photos of one of its employees wearing a body suit with a hand sanitizer attached and a medical mask on his face started circulating on social media. The foreign employee can be seen standing as a virtual stand, as other employees use the gel dispenser he's carrying. Although the intention may have been to raise awareness of the importance of cleaning your hands using sanitizer during the current Covid-19 pandemic, the humiliating role was harshly criticized.

Cake artist's mind-boggling optical illusions

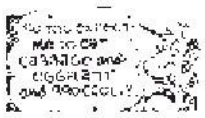
London: Ben Cullen, a former tattoo artist turned food artist extraordinaire, has been getting a lot of attention for his amazing cake illusions, which range from desserts disguised as fruits and vegetables, to treats shaped as realistic human hands.

Looking at Ben Cullen's mind-blowing cakes, you would think that he has been baking all his life, but in fact he only got into cakes five years ago, when a client he was tattooing showed him some cake decorating models she had made, which he found to be fascinating. When he tried he got hooked to it.

" I genuinely had no previous experience or interest in making cakes," Cullen said. "I made a cake for my dad and a few family and friends as a novelty and for a bit of fun. As I made more and more, I took the making process more seriously and challenged myself to try harder designs."

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What are the most pesticide-free fruits and vegetables?



The most pesticide-free produce includes: Avocados, sweet corn, pineapples, cabbage, onions, frozen sweet peas, papayas, asparagus, mangoes, eggplant, honeydew, kiwi, cantaloupe, cauliflower and broccoli.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Award for Vanaja B. Pandit

Mysuru, Mar. 14- The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) in collaboration with MyAnatomy and CMR (Cyber Media Research) honoured **Vanaja B. Pandit,** Hon. Secretary, Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), Mysuru, with *'Inspirational Woman Academic Leaders Award'* at the National Conference "Shagun – The Auspicious," with the theme 'Generation Equality' organised on International Women's Day (Mar. 8), as part of ASSOCHAM's centenary celebrations, at *Hotel Grand Sheraton* in Bengaluru.

The event aimed at appreciating the women contributing towards social harmony and progress of the nation and empowering the girl child from childhood to livelihood through means to education and employment.

Vanaja B. Pandit is helming the GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), KRS Road, Metagalli, which is offering engineering courses exclusively for girls, a first of its kind in the State.

GSSSIETW was setup in 2003 by the visionary, late Prof. B.S. Pandit, who saw many of his talented students being deprived of opportunities for lack of a Girls' College. After his demise in 2008, the Institution is being headed by Vanaja Pandit, Founder-Member and wife of late Prof. B.S. Pandit.

Her commitment and dedication to the vision, that only education can empower a woman has seen the Institution grow to greater heights. Though a septuagenarian, she is actively nurturing the Institution and ensuring women empowerment from the forefront, according to a press release from Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW.

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VOICE OF THE READER

CWS: There was no need for second PIL

Sir,

This is in response to Col. C.P. Muthanna's letter published in *Star of Mysore* dated Mar. 13, 2020. Nobody is disputing the approval given by the 37th AGM of **Coorg Wildlife Society (CWS)** to oppose the proposed Railway project from Mysuru to Kushalnagar.

It is a fact that during my Presidency of CWS, I did not give permission to our advocate to file the PIL against the newly-sanctioned Mysuru-Kushalnagar Railway Line for the simple reason that the Proposed Railway project commencing from Belagola (near Mysuru) traversing through Hunsur and Periyapatna was terminating at a place called Benegal village, around 2 kms before Kushalnagar on the Mysuru district side of the Cauvery River without entering Kodagu district. Naturally, there would be no impact on the eco-system of Kodagu. If so where is the need for filing a PIL?

Since this new proposed Railway project was not even entering Kodagu district and by no stretch of imagination impacted the eco-system of Kodagu and moreover as this project was outside the geographical jurisdiction of CWS, the CWS has no business to deprive the people of Periyapatna and Hunsur Taluks the benefit of Railway connectivity. **These were the main reasons for my opposition to filing the second PIL by CWS.**

Let me make it very clear now that in any case the first PIL filed by the CWS was against the proposed Railway Line, at the instance of Kerala, between Thalassery (Kerala) and Mysuru via Kutta in South Kodagu.

The avowed stand of CWS had always been to oppose tooth and nail any Railway project and also any four-laning of the National Highway inside Kodagu district either through influencing the policy-makers in the Government or seeking remedy through judicial intervention.

It is also a fact that the AGM of CWS held on 27.12.2019 approved the payment of Rs. 90,000 towards lawyer's fees on the PIL filed by Col. Muthanna **despite written objection by our auditors BAL & Bhimeshwar, Madikeri.** The auditors clearly stated that CWS cannot pay the lawyer's fees of a PIL filed by a third party as it is against accounting systems and financial norms.

Therefore, the approval given by the AGM to pay Rs. 90,000 as lawyer's fees to Col. Muthanna was a malafide act which can be challenged in a court of law, but let it be.

The PIL filed by Col. Muthanna was disposed of by the High Court saying that the Railways had not yet obtained necessary clearances from appropriate authorities and they can approach the court as and when the Railways obtain the requisite clearances.

For the information of the general public, there is no sanction for the Madikeri-Makkandur Railway project as of now and as a matter of interest there was a proposal for a Railway Line from Mysuru to Kodagu during 1920 under the British rule and it is impossible to get environmental clearance from the Union Government and the National Green Tribunal. One can conveniently forget about this non-existent project!

Finally, nobody is disputing Col. Muthanna's sincere efforts in protecting the fragile eco-system of Kodagu.

—K.C. Biddappa,
Past President,
Coorg Wildlife Society
Mysuru
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National Conference on 'Emerging Trends in Research'

Seen are** (from left) **Prof. Othbert Pinto, Director, PG Studies & Research Centre, Fr. Dr. Bernard Prakash Barnis, Rector, Rev. Monsignor Leslie Moras, Episcopal Vicar, Prof. Y.S. Siddegowda, Vice-Chancellor, Tumkur University and others at the Conference inauguration.

Mysuru, Mar. 14- "India is lagging behind in research though we have repository of scientific detail," said Prof.Y.S. Siddegowda, Vice-Chancellor, Tumkur University, during the inauguration of the National Conference on 'Emerging trends in Research, Writing and Publishing skills,' organised by St. Philomena's College Research Centre, Mysuru, in association with Department of Social Work and Elsevier Research Intelligent, Hyderabad.

Prof. Siddegowda elaborated on the parameters for University ranking at national and global levels. He added that, India is the third largest publisher of scientific articles and thanks to the ICT, there is a boom in social science research. Further, he stressed that, research should be taken seriously and should lead to the expansion of societal knowledge. It shouldn't be done just to acquire a degree or a designation. Infact, every research should lead the society towards a better way of life and understanding of the same.

Delivering the Presidential remarks, Monsignor Rev. Fr. Leslie Moras, Episcopal Vicar, remarked that research should inculcate a basic curiosity among students, only then it will create a passion to go deeper into the subject.

Dr. Sukanya Maloli, Head, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, welcomed the gathering. Rev. Dr. Fr. Bernard Prakash Barnis, Rector/ Manager, Rev. Fr. Roxan Thomas Baros, Campus Administrator, Prof. Othbert Pinto, Director, PG Studies & Research Centre, Prof. Sanjay Nair, Vice-Principal, Prof. Alphonsus D'Souza, Controller of Examination, Dr. Prakash Coutinho, IQAC Coordinator and participants from various Colleges and faculty were present.

Applications invited for training

Mysuru, Mar.14- The State-owned KEONICS Corporation has invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to free training in Software development, Cloud application development etc. BCA, B.Sc (Computer Science), BE, MCA and M.Tech passed candidates can apply for the above training programme.

The interested candidates can visit KEONICS Yuva.com, No.47/D, First Floor, Opposite HDFC Bank, Near Kuvempunagar bus stop, Kuvempunagar. For more details, call Ph: 0821-4281886 or Mob:98806-22747.

Scholarship: Last date extended

Mysuru, Mar. 14- Last date has been extended for submission of applications to award Scholarships (2018-19) by the Taluk Social Welfare Department for SC community students studying in SSLC, PUC, degree and post-graduate degree and technical courses, who have secured first class marks in first attempt. Applications can be submitted online *www.sw.kar.nic.in* before Mar. 23. For details, contact Ph: 2520910, according to a press release.

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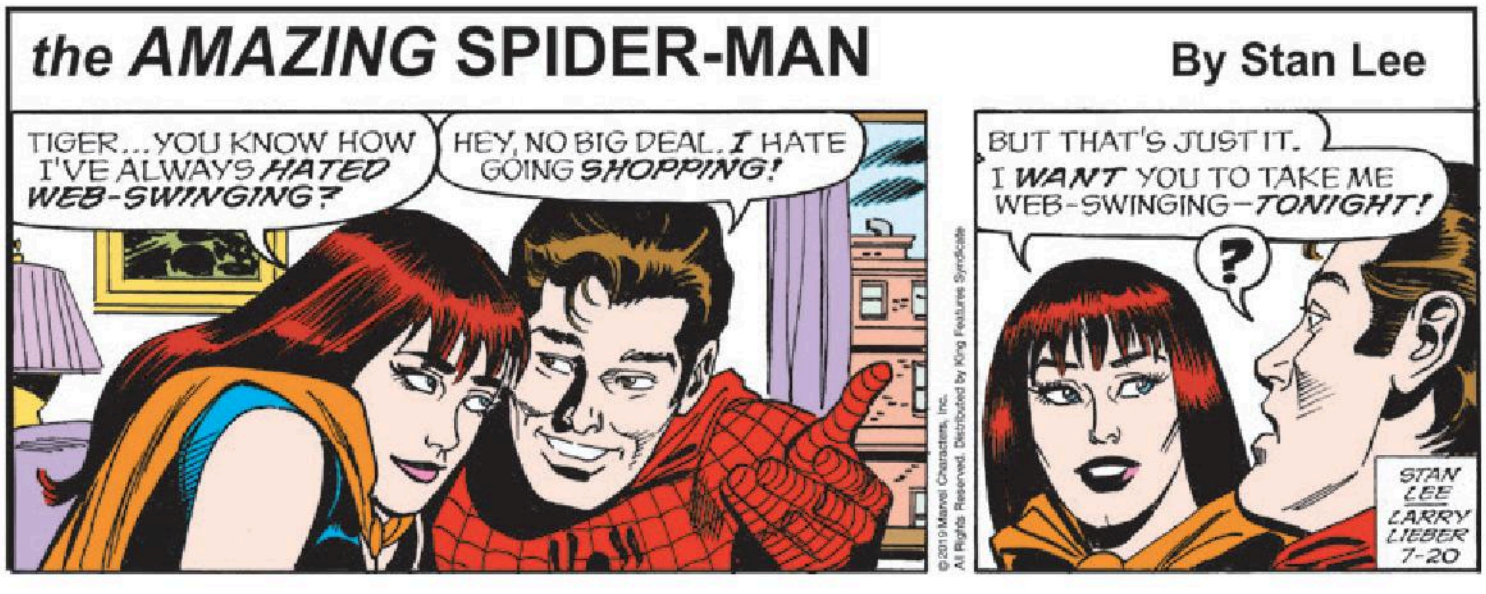
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NEWS BRIEFS

Physical tests for Police constables

The Physical Strength Test (PST) / Endurance Test (ET) for candidates who have qualified in the written exam for recruitment of Police constables will be held on Mar. 17 and 18 at CAR Parade Grounds behind Race Course, Mysuru. The test for Armed Police Constable (APC) posts will take place on Mar.17, while that for Civil Police Constable / Women Police Constable posts will be held on Mar.18. The test commences at 7 am on both the days.

Deadline

The University of Mysore (UoM) has set Mar.20 as the deadline for payment of fee for the first and third semester written exam of B.Ed course (CBCS and CAGP Scheme). The exam application form can be downloaded from the website: www.uni-mysore.ac.in; Exam is scheduled to begin from Apr.15.

ZP Meeting

The Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) has convened a meeting to elect members to various Standing Committees for the third term, at 11 am on Mar.21 at ZP Hall. ZP President Parimala Shyam will preside over the meeting.

Calling Safai Karmacharis

The Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Development Corporation has invited online applications from Safai Karmacharis and Manual Scavengers for extension of benefits under various Government schemes to them and their dependents. Those interested must apply online: http://www.ksskdc.kar.nic.in, before April 30.

Discount sale

JSS Mahavidyapeetha has announced a pre-publication discount (50%) sale of 'Shivapada Ratnakosha' (Veerashaiva-Lingayat Paribhashika Padakosha), published by JSS Granthamale. The pre-publication copy is priced at Rs.500. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548221 or 2548212.

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Inflow	119 cusecs
Outflow	750 cusecs

Heritage Lushington Bridge to get an alternative

Works to restore bridge that was washed away in 2018 begins; to be completed by May 2020

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (DM&BCT)- The Government will renovate the Lushington Bridge at Sathegala in Kollegal, which was washed away in July 2018 rain. The two-century-old bridge built across River Cauvery near Shivanasamudra in Kollegal taluk will be repaired and conserved as a monument. Also, a new bridge will be built at cost of Rs. 200 crore as an alternative to it, said Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi.

Replying to a query by MLC Sandesh Nagaraj during Question Hour in the Legislative Council on Wednesday, Ravi said that the Tourism Department has released Rs. 95 lakh to the Commissioner of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Department for the purpose and the remaining money will be released in stages.

Meanwhile, officials from the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage have begun work on the bridge and are targeting May this year to complete the works. Labourers from Bagalkot and surrounding areas have been working at the site since days and if weather permits, the entire stretch of the bridge will be restored and conserved by May, officials said.

The Lushington Bridge is the oldest heritage stone bridge in the erstwhile princely State of Mysore that was constructed in 1818 at Shivanasamudra near Madhyaranga across River Cauvery. It was washed away on July 17, 2018 in the gushing floodwaters of River Cauvery.

The 400-metre bridge is called the Wellesley Bridge by the locals. But historical references say that while initially the bridge was named after colonial administrator Lord Richard Colley Wellesley, it was renamed as Lushington Bridge in 1835. Also, this bridge looks similar to Wellesley Bridge at Srirangapatna.

Nearly 40 feet of the structure was washed away. The bridge, located close to Madhyaranga en route to Bharachukki falls, was considered to be an engineering marvel as it was designed in those days to withstand the force of the river even when it is in spate.

The bridge was built with hewn (cut to shape) stone pillars and connected by stone girders and erected on the rocky bed of the stream. Though two modern bridges were constructed parallel to this bridge, this stone pillar bridge stood unique and efforts will be made to restore the structure.

Ex-Army men will join forest crusaders at Bandipur

25 soldiers to act as front line conservationists in protecting the Tiger Reserve

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Mar. 14- "A soldier is the very basis, the silent and barely visible cornerstone, of our fame, culture, physical well-being and prosperity; in short, of the entire nation-building activity." Selfless, versatile, resourceful and incredibly dedicated, the Indian Army is one of India's foremost nation-builders.

From protecting the country's volatile borders to providing relief during disasters, from quelling rioters during communal strife to being the country's last resort in counter-insurgency, the Army has time and again protected India from internal and external threats.

Taking into consideration their self-less and daring service, a new plan is being formulated to use their services to protect the Bandipur Tiger Reserve — to combat any emergency, natural and man-made and preventing poachers and plunderers. 25 retired soldiers will soon join the forest Force, giving the Force extra power, tactics and extra courage and mettle to fight enemies of nature.

Special Tiger Protection Force

Already, the Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) is functioning in the Tiger Reserve patrolling the forests to safeguard tigers, co-predators and prey animals as well protecting habitats. The personnel are patrolling the vulnerable locations in forests. The Force personnel are also assisting in tiger and elephant capture operations and many of them have been promoted or transferred.

As such, there is a vacancy of 60 men in STPF and these vacancies are hurting forest operations and the existing staff cannot carry out their functions efficiently. Especially in emergencies, there are not enough personnel to tackle them. Due to Government policies, new appointments are not possible and because of this, the Department has planned to hire the services of retired soldiers.

Military-like work culture

Apart from providing meaningful employment to ex-servicemen, these Army men will infuse military-like work culture and commitments into high-priority eco-projects. Their rigorous training, years of service in hostile conditions and dedicated personalities will help in safeguarding the green forests, feel Department officials. Even if new men are recruited, the Department has to spend money and resources to train them. Instead, it is convenient for the Department to employ the services of retired and able-bodied soldiers, say officers who are behind the idea.

Professional defence touch

Retired soldiers who have put in 18 years of service in the Army as per service rules will be given jobs to protect forests. The Army personnel will join the men from the Tiger Protection Force and will perform all the duties of the Tiger Force. This will not only help the Department to fill the vacant places with efficient staff nut but will also provide a professional defence touch to the existing Force, Bandipur Project Tiger Director T. Balachandra told *Star of Mysore*.

"This will be a new experiment within our limitations and we hope to recruit 25 retired Army personnel to assist the Tiger Task Force in protecting forest wealth and wild animals.

The present Special Tiger Protection Force will be under the purview of Range Forest Officers and Deputy Range Forest Officers. But the Force where new Army personnel will be deployed will come under the control of Chief Conservator of Forests and Conservator of Forests," he added.

Golden hour principle

This Force will be exclusively used for protection purposes and vehicles will be provided to them and they will be called out in case of emergencies. The Force will function in the 'golden hour' principle where the men will rush to the emergency spot to prevent further damage within the critical hour, Balachandra added.

"The Department will not be burdened by the salaries of the recruited Army men and salaries can be provided out of the funds released to protect the tigers and the funds released to maintain the Special Tiger Task Force. We have discussed the proposal with Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force – HOFF) and other higher officials and recruitments will begin once we get a green signal," he said.

Illegal stone quarrying in Mandya

ZP Member fined Rs.11 crore

Mandya, Mar.14 (Nagaiah)- In a major crackdown on illegal stone quarrying, the Department of Mines and Geology has penalised a Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Member from K.R. Pet taluk in Mandya district a whopping sum of Rs.11,05,46,205, perhaps the heaviest fine imposed in recent years for mining violations. The ZP Member has also been served a notice on impoundment of his quarry licence.

Following a complaint by social activist K.R. Ravindra and some members of the public, accusing JD(S) leader and Mandya ZP Member from K.R. Pet taluk, H.T. Manju, of carrying out illegal stone quarrying at various places in K.R. Pet taluk, the Mines and Geology Department inspected the spots and found the allegations to be true.

As Manju has been found to be carrying out illegal stone quarrying, the Department has imposed a heavy penalty of Rs.11.05 crore on him, giving him some time for payment of penalty.

The Department has also served Manju a notice seeking an explanation on his quarrying activities and impoundment of his quarrying licence for unauthorised quarrying. The Department's senior Geologist Pushpalatha has submitted a detailed report in this regard to Pandavapura Assistant Commissioner on Feb.28.

DETAILS

JD(S) leader and ZP Member, H.T. Manju, had obtained a licence in the name of T.J. Stone Crushers for carrying out stone quarrying at different places in K.R. Pet taluk. But Manju has been accused of carrying out unauthorised quarrying in areas outside the licensed spaces and had also failed to pay Royalty to the Government.

Manju had got sanction for carrying out quarrying in 0.2 acre area in Survey No.10 of Shivapura village in K.R. Pet taluk. But he violated the mining license norms by carrying out quarrying in an area close to Hemavathi canal, located westward from his sanctioned space, by using explosives.

Manju had also secured a 20-year contract on Mar.22, 2007 for carrying out stone quarrying in 2 acre area coming under Survey No.46 of Bommanahalli village. But following complaints of illegal quarrying, the Mines and Geology Department conducted a Drone Survey, during which it was found that 1,44,311.81 Metric Tonnes (MT) of stone was quarried in licensed space, while 2,15,402 MT of stone was quarried in unlicensed area.

Later, the Department penalised Manju Rs.3,14,26,800 for carrying out excess mining to the tune of 1,04,756 MT in licensed area and Rs.6,46,20,600 for mining 2,15,402 MT in outside the licensed area.

The Department also discovered rampant violation of mining norms at other places in Shivapura, Haralahalli and Bommanahalli. Subsequently, the Department has asked Manju to pay a fine of Rs.10,07,050 for illegal quarrying in forest area coming under Survey No.46 at Bommanahalli, Rs.49,88,400 for unauthorised mining in Survey No.22 of Haralahalli village, Rs.19,49,100 for illegal stone mining of 6,497 MT at Shivapura Gomaala and Rs.55,00,200 for illegal stone mining of 18,334 MT in another area coming under the same Survey number at Shivapura, with the total penalty amounting to a whopping Rs.11,05,46,205.

Meanwhile, senior Geologist Pushpalatha said that H.T. Manju has been served with a notice asking him to pay the calculated penalty for violation of various quarrying license norms and he has been given time to remit the penalty. The Department will initiate legal proceedings against Manju if he fails to pay the penalty within the given time, she pointed out.

Bike owner arrested for using duplicate Registration Number

Mysuru, Mar. 14- V.V. Puram Traffic Police, who were on Highway Patrolling, took into their custody a bike-borne person who was moving around in a suspicious manner near Mathru Mandali Circle in Paduvarahalli and on questioning him, it has come to light that the person was using duplicate registration number for his bike to avoid traffic rules violation fines.

The arrested has been identified as Sameer Pasha of Muranda village in H.D. Kote taluk. In order to avoid fines, Sameer Pasha was riding his Hero Honda Splendor Pro bike, originally bearing registration number KA-45-L-7597, with a duplicate registration number KA-45-K-7597, which was actually of a Scooty Pep scooter.

Meanwhile, the Scooty Pep owner, who was getting many traffic rules violation notices, enquired in the V.V. Puram Traffic Police following which the accused was taken into custody and during interrogation, he is said to have confessed to the crime. Later he was handed over to V.V. Puram Police.

V.V. Puram Traffic Police was led by ACP (Traffic Division) S.N. Sandesh Kumar under the supervision of DCP (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda in the nabbing operation.

Man goes missing from city

Sadashiva

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (KS)- A 40-year-old man, who left his house on Feb. 15 at about 11 am saying that he was going to his work, has since gone missing.

The missing person is Sadashiva. He is 5 ft. tall, round faced, normal built, wheatish complexioned, speaks Kannada and Hindi and was wearing a cream colour shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing person, may contact V.V. Puram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418314/ 514 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

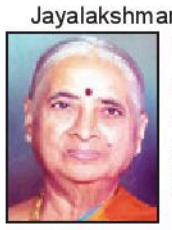
Obituary

Bolkaranda Kaveriappa

Mysuru, Mar. 14 - Bolkaranda Kaveriappa (Subramani), a resident of Vijayanagar 1st Stage, passed away yesterday in city. He was 71. He leaves behind his wife Tulasi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

Jayalakshmamma



Jayalakshmamma (75), wife of late Venkataram and a resident of J.P. Nagar here, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill last evening, according to family sources.

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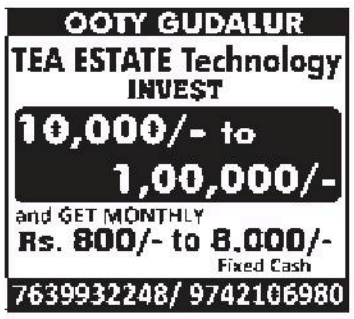

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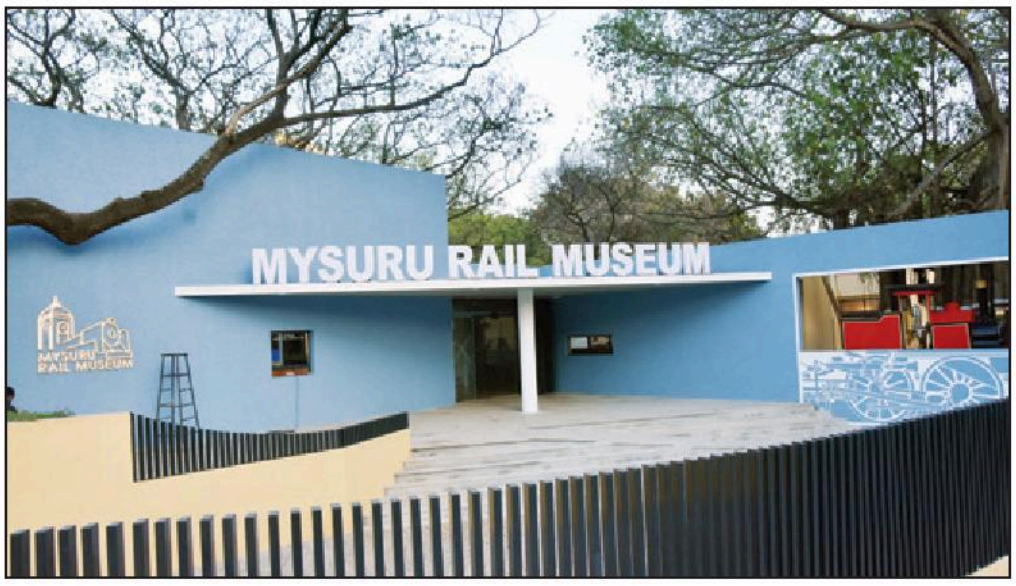
Newly-renovated Mysuru Rail Museum opens

Visitors' entry from tomorrow; Rail Coach Cafe, an added attraction



The entrance of the newly-renovated 'Mysuru Rail Museum.' Picture right shows the Museum's oldest employee H. Ashwathanarayan cutting the ribbon to mark the inauguration as Mysuru Division DRM Aparna Garg, SWR General Manager Ajay Kumar Singh, SWR Women's Welfare Organisation President Sujata Singh, SWR AGM Prashant Kumar and others look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (RKB,PM &AM)- Depicting the rich history and the progress of the 150-year-old Indian Railways, the 'Mysuru Rail Museum' set up in 1979, which was closed for a while for renovations and refurbishment, was inaugurated this morning at 10.30 am. As a mark of respect, South Western Railway (SWR) General Manager Ajay Kumar Singh asked the oldest employee of the Railway Museum, H. Ashwathnarayan, to inaugurate the newly renovated museum. SWR AGM Prashant Kumar Mishra, Mysuru Division Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Aparna Garg, South Western Women's Welfare Organisation President Sujata Singh, who is also the wife of Ajay Kumar Singh, and all the employees of the Museum were present on the occasion.

Lauding the efforts of workers involved in Rail Museum renovations, Ajay Kumar Singh said that 13 selected employees will be awarded Rs. 5,000 each for their efforts and a special cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh will be awarded for the entire team work. To mark the inauguration, a special commemorative postal cover, in association with the India Post, was released. The museum website ***www.mysururailmuseum.com*** was also launched.

Speaking on the occasion, Mysuru Division DRM Aparna Garg said that the Rail Museum, spread over 3 acres, is eco-friendly and no trees were cut during the renovation process. Also, dustbins have been kept at many places across the museum premises and an information kiosk has been set up for the benefit of those visiting the museum. The museum also has toilets inside the premises.

Toy Train at the Rail Museum with 'Toy Band' made from scrap materials ready to greet the passengers.

The Mysuru Rail Museum is the second oldest rail museum of the Indian Railways. The museum was open for visit to the employees and their families today and will be open for general public from tomorrow from 10 am to 6 pm. The entry fee is Rs. 50 for adults and Rs. 20 for children.

The museum is a repertoire of some unique collections including lamps used by Guards during the meter gauge era, a Austin rail motor car from England which was used by Railway officers while on track inspection during 1925, exclusive Indian Railway posters which have been compiled as a collection in the Indoor Gallery, telephones used during the 19th century at the Signal and Telecommunication Gallery.

The newly-renovated museum has a lot of added attractions including the 'Rail Coach Cafe and Cafeteria'; an old railway coach which has been remodelled into a restaurant-style seating area where visitors can purchase snacks, other food items and beverages. Another attraction, especially for kids is a model Railway Station at the museum entrance named 'Central Park' with a model ticketing counter. The kids will be allowed to ride in a battery operated Toy Train on a round trip from this 'Central Park' station. En route, they will be greeted by a 'Toy Band' created from scrap materials by the staff of Mysore Workshop, a tunnel, model railway crossing and railway signals. Each gallery has a touch-screen monitor with information about the collections there and the history of these collections at the museum.

The most prized possession of the Mysuru Rail Museum is the 'Maharani's Saloon' coach of 1839, which was used by the wife of erstwhile ruler of Wadiyar dynasty, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. Visitors can get a glimpse of the royal bedroom, dining room, the royal bathroom, servant's room, study and dressing tables, which were set up inside the coach for her Highness.

Other attractions include metal sculpture of a young girl treading carefully on the tracks, steam locomotive engines, boilers, hand-cranes, steam pumps, trolley car, sleeper-coach manufacturing, Station Master, dressed in white. with his telecommunication systems, a MG (Meter Gauge) Bus which was run between Shivamogga and Talaguppa in 1939, Inspection Coaches, a model of Railway Turn Table and a scroll nailed to one of the trees at the museum, with messages on environment protection.

Commemorative Postal Cover of the 'Mysuru Rail Museum'

Newly-added Rail Coach Cafe.

Old Signal Lamps at the Museum.

Dasara *Ambari* only during Navarathri, but this *Ambaari* all round the year

KSTDC does a trial run of Double-Decker Bus in city; 'Ambaari' official launch after Corona scare subsides

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (SBD&AM)- Bright purple in colour, with the majestic 'Ambari' elephant drawn over the body, Yakshagana and other such folk art references to the State's culture, stands tall, a Double-Decker Bus, 'Ambaari.'

An initiative of Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) to boost the tourism of city better all through the year, the 'Ambaari' did a trial run yesterday in city. The tourist bus will run all round the year and not just during Dasara. KSTDC will get five more 'Ambaari' buses in the coming months to cater better to the residents and tourists alike

Key features

The double- decker bus, with a total seating capacity of 40 — 20 in the lower deck, which will also have air-conditioning and 20 on the upper deck, which will be open to sky, and gives a better view of the city — will cover important places like the Mysore Palace, Mysuru Zoo, University of Mysore, St. Philomena's Church, Deputy Commissioner's Office and other sight-seeing places in city.

The duration of each round trip will be one-and-a-half-hours, with intermittent stops in between, audio and visual guides about each tourist destination being displayed on monitors inside the bus all through the tour and a public address system with information about the specialties of Mysuru city including the art, culture, cuisines and more. The bus will also have CCTVs installed inside for the safety of the passengers.

Bengaluru-based KMS Coach Builders have manufactured the bodies of all six buses. The idea of a double-decker tourist bus for city was pitched almost 10 years ago, which finally got an approval from the State Government now. Although a tender was called, no one came forward and hence the KSTDC took full responsibility in getting all the six 'Ambaari' buses.

Prune trees, raise overhead power-lines

"We have requested the Forest Department personnel to prune some tree branches along the route of the 'Ambaari' tourist bus to facilitate smooth operations and avoid any untoward mishaps," said **Kumar Pushkar, Managing Director, KSTDC** and added that he has also requested Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) officials to raise the overhead electrical lines for accommodating the double-decker bus movement in city and these works are expected to be completed in the next 10-15 days, he said.

As regards to the launching of 'Ambaari', Pushkar said that amidst the Coronavirus scare, with tourists scarce in number, the actual date of launch will be decided depending on the prevalent situations. If things get back to normal, 'Ambaari' will be launched on Mar. 31, Pushkar added.

The 20-seater upper deck of 'Ambaari' which will be open to sky.

Coronavirus pandemic

Trump declares National Emergency in the US

Washington DC, Mar. 14- US President Donald Trump announced that he is declaring the Coronavirus pandemic a National Emergency, as Washington struggles with providing Americans with relief and officials race to slow the spread of the outbreak.

Trump made the announcement on Friday, freeing up 50 billion dollars in federal funds for the battle against Coronavirus pandemic as he vowed to "vastly" ramp up testing capacity.

"To unleash the full power of the Federal Government, I'm officially declaring a National Emergency," Trump told a news conference on the White House lawn. "The next 8 weeks are critical. We can learn and we will turn a corner on this virus," he said.

Trump called on all US States to set up emergency operation centres and said the Government was partnering with the private sector to "vastly increase and accelerate our capacity to test" for the virus, amid criticism about a lack of test kits Nationwide. "I'm also asking every hospital in this country to activate emergency preparedness plan to meet the needs of Americans everywhere," Trump said.

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IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

Namaste and keep distance please!

For the past few weeks having been told not to touch my face I have started behaving like cricketer Krishnamachari Srikkanth — contorting my face, as I am unable to scratch my eyes, nose or face when it itches. I also feel like putting a sticker 'Keep distance', like they have behind lorries as we Indians don't understand personal space. Corona is here and yet we seem to have a very casual attitude towards it.

Corona has brought a few nations to its knees. Most of them are developed and powerful countries, countries with the latest and best medical facilities and systems in place. This reminds us of the famous dialogue by Nana Patekar from the movie *Yeshwant* — *"Ek machhar sala aadmi ko hijda bana deta hai"* (A single mosquito can emasculate a man). Our species, the Homo sapiens, may be the most advanced and dominant species on this planet. We may have nuclear warheads with hopes of colonising another planet. But a virus, a microscopic lifeless particle, has humbled us.

Speaking of being humbled, while a virus is attacking us, the first line of defence is a none other than the humble bar of soap. This reminds us of the old jingle from the 90s — *"Tandurusti ki raksha karta hai Lifebuoy, Lifebuoy hai jahan tandurusti hai wahan"* (Lifebuoy protects health, wherever there is Lifebuoy, there is health). Guess Lifebuoy was right. It is amazing that this humble soap, which was invented in 2800 BC, over 4,500 years ago, by the Babylonians is still the first line of defence for the health of our species!

So why does soap work so well to rid us of bacteria and most viruses including Corona? Because the virus is a "self-assembled nano-particle" and its weakest link is the lipid (fatty) bilayer which soap dissolves. When the fat membrane holding the virus breaks the virus falls apart. But why the 20-30 second scrub rule?

There is a glue-like interaction between the human skin and the virus which the fat-like substance known as 'amphiphiles' in a soap not only loosens this "glue" but also breaks the velcro-like interactions that hold the virus together. So one needs to do a little bit of rubbing to assist the amphiphiles to do their job well.

As mundane an activity as hand washing may be it is the most important activity in our daily life, yet we seldom do it. A report from 2012 stated that 4 out of 5 people don't wash their hands after using the bathroom globally!

So after all these years of greeting with a handshake and gifting germs to each other, the Coronavirus has forced us to acknowledge that *Namaste* is the most hygienic from of greeting. *Namaste* may be India's second greatest contribution to the world after zero — One significant in mathematics, the other in public health. No?

While rest of the world is preparing and in some cases panicking, we *desis* seem to be taking it easy. Even as CM yesterday declared a mild lock-down in the State, people seem to be gathering in closed spaces, even worse people are insensitive to "personal space."

One will experience violation of personal space if they stand in queue in India. We stand so close to each other that it feels like 'spooning'. We don't even realise that it's impolite or a violation of another person's space as we nudge people in front of us in a queue, peep into their phones or even use other people's shoulders as headrest while seated in public transport. But this will have to change and we have to practice 'social distancing' as Coronavirus makes its way into our lives.

"Social distancing" is a public health practice that aims to prevent sick people from coming in close contact with healthy people in order to

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reduce opportunities for disease transmission. This can include large-scale measures like cancelling group events or closing public spaces, as well as individual decisions to stay home and not stick to people behind when standing in line. The main goal of social distancing is to prevent surges in illness that could overwhelm health care systems. And this matters in India as we have a very high population density.

We in India seem to suffer from a 'superman complex', a culture of false bravado born from the belief that bad things happen only to others, not to us, until it does. And when it does, instead of blaming it on our own indifference we pass it off as "destiny" or God's will.

We have a culture that has complete disregard for not only our safety but others' as well — from getting up before a flight comes to a complete halt to jumping onto to a moving train; from disregarding building fire safety norms to not checking safety ratings of cars; Death Wish or a Superman Complex, it is time people took the Coronavirus epidemic seriously.

Yes, indeed there is no need to panic, but prevention it better than cure, and let us not forget there is no cure for Coronavirus yet; so all we have is preventive measure.

So stick to *Namaste*, keep your distance and don't touch your face. If at all you have an itch on your face, try Krishnamachari facial yoga !

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Weekend STAR Supplement

Mysuru Saturday 14th March 2020

Turn an old leaf

Oriental Research Institute digitising palm leaf manuscripts

By M.B. Pavan Murthy

Digitalisation of the oldest extant copy of Kautilya's *Arthashastra* and other manuscripts will be a reality soon at the more-than-a-century-old Oriental Research Institute (ORI) in Mysuru. The institute has taken steps to digitise its vast collection of nearly 70,000 palm leaf and paper manuscripts in Sanskrit and Kannada.

Kautilya's *Arthashastra* was discovered by scholar R. Shama Sastri, a well-known Scholar and Librarian of ORI, who published it in 1909. It is a palm leaf work on Indian polity, economics, military science, business management, administration, civil law and governance. Gemmology and metallurgy are some interesting parts in it. Training of elephants and horses for warfare is also depicted here. Taxation policy is described very clearly. The *'Grantha'* script is still considered an invaluable document for political science students, research scholars and the general public.

The Fourth Century (340-250 BCE during Chandragupta Maurya's reign) script has 168 palm leaves and ORI has taken special initiatives to clean and maintain the script so that it does not get lost in time.

"Decades ago, the script was cleaned along with other scripts. But the process was stopped midway. Now we have restarted the process and will soon digitalise them so that it can be available to a larger audience at the click of the mouse. The University of Mysore has sanctioned special funds for this," ORI Director Prof. S. Shivarajappa told *Star of Mysore*.

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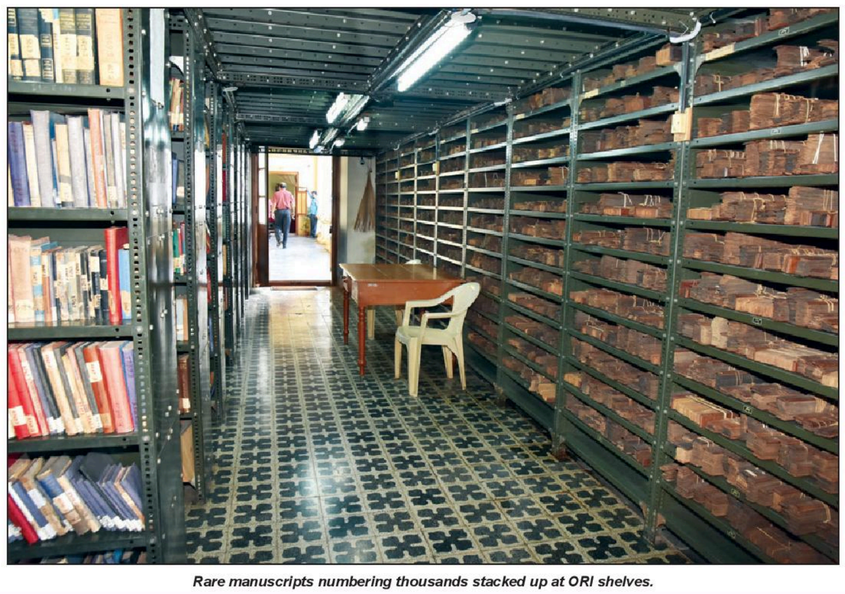
A treasure-trove of etchings on palm leaves

Oriental Research Institute Director Prof. Shivarajappa (right) guides the process of cleaning the manuscripts before digitising them.

The Oriental Research Institute (ORI) is a repository of 37,000 bundles of palm leaf manuscripts and the exact number may exceed 70,000, enshrining the ancient Indian knowledge system spanning different disciplines.

Formerly known as Oriental Library or the Government Oriental Library, the ORI's main objectives were to collect, exhibit and publish rare manuscripts. Its roots can be traced back to the time of Chamarajendra Wadiyar X. The ORI building was built in 1887 to commemorate the golden jubilee of Queen Victoria's ascension to the British throne. Subsequently, the Oriental Library was started in 1891. It was rechristened Oriental Research Institute in 1946.



Rare manuscripts numbering thousands stacked up at ORI shelves.

The ORI was initially used as a storage space to showcase the manuscripts in government's possession. These manuscripts that are written in Kannada and Sanskrit were collected at the time of surveys conducted under British historian, archaeologist and educationist B.L. Rice. Dewan of Mysore K. Sheshadri Iyer had expressed keen interest in preserving and preparing a catalogue of these manuscripts in a scientific manner and R. Shama Sastri was chosen to head the project.

Rice was an archaeologist of repute and it was during his tenure, over 9,000 inscriptions in 12 volumes of 'Epigraphia Carnatica' were published.

Apart from Kautilya's *Arthashastra,* the institute has a rare collection that comprises works such as *'Sritattvanidhi', 'Manasollasa',* and *'Amruthakathaka'.* Besides, it has the 'Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics' by James Hastings, a *'Vedic Concordance'* by Maurice Bloomfield, and critical editions of the Ramayana and Mahabharata.

The ORI has in its possession the smallest and longest manuscripts. The smallest is the size of a matchbox on which the shlokas of *'Srimad Bhavagad Geeta'* is written. The longest one is *Viramahesvarachara Sangraha* written by Nilakantha Nagamathacharya that throws light on traditions of Veerashaivism. It has shlokas in Sanskrit along with translations in *Halegannada*. It is said to have been written in the 12th or 13th century.

Agreement with National Mission for Manuscripts

The ORI carries out the due process to save priceless pieces from being spoilt by the march of time. The institute, departing from its conventional method of preserving manuscripts, now captures the scripts on microfilm which necessitates the use of a microfilm reader for both viewing and studying. Digitisation of manuscripts will be an additional step to save the scripts.

The institute uses fumigation technology to clean the manuscripts. "All scripts are cleaned and re-tied and are preserved with neem leaves. New Delhi-based National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) has come forward to assist us in preserving the manuscripts and all correspondence has been completed. We are waiting for the final order and NMM will provide additional resources and technology to preserve these rare pieces of history and knowledge," said ORI Director Prof. Shivarajappa.

After the digitisation process is complete, it would enable Indologists and scholars in different parts of the world to access the database. It will give a boost to research and will be a valuable document to understand of Indian history, art, culture, and heritage, he explains.

"Earlier, scholars had to personally visit the ORI or communicate with us study manuscript. This was time-consuming. Digitisation enables easy access of the documents and scripts from any of the part of the world and at any time. It will save a lot of time, energy and money," he added.

The world's longest palm-leaf manuscript *Viramahesvarachara Sangraha* written by Nilakantha Nagamathacharya too will be digitised. The manuscript measures 2.95 feet and is 300 years old. It is a bundle of 180 palm leaves, each measuring 90 cm or 2.95 ft and about 4 to 5 centimetres in width.

Viramahesvarachara Sangraha is a scholarly work espousing the *Veerashaiva* philosophy and the full manuscript could run into nearly 300 chapters. The ORI has preserved it in a specially designed wooden case. "A special scanner will be procured from China to scan and document the manuscript. This will help in the digitisation process. We are corresponding with Chinese firms to supply the scanner," said ORI officials.

Manuscripts are closely safeguarded at the institute to ensure a fungus-free state.

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The second photo is of the tiniest Bhagavad Gita at ORI.

Waferfiche technology to preserve, archive manuscripts

At a programme held in ORI in January this year, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha took along P.R. Mukund, the founder of Bengaluru-based Tara Prakashana to look into the ways and means to conserve the rare manuscripts. Tara Prakashana is a pioneer in e-publishing had digitised over 3,000 palm scripts pertaining to ancient medicine.

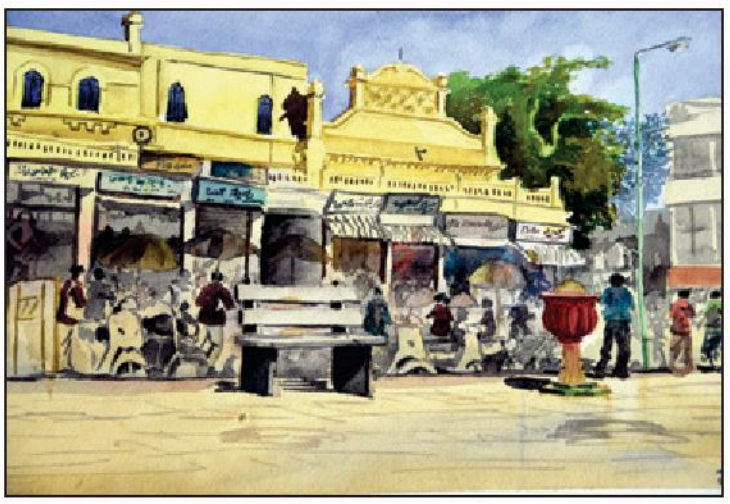
Tara Prakashana uses "Waferfiche" technology to digitise palm leaf manuscripts and books. This technology that will preserve the text for at least 500 years requires no care and is fire-and water-resistant.

Waferfiche technology is used as the medium for archival of the manuscripts. It is a patented technology developed by NanoArk Corporation, USA that is a replacement for microfilm and microfiche. Waferfiche has a very hardy substrate developed using semiconductor manufacturing technology that is capable of withstanding humidity, water, and temperatures over 5,000 Degrees Celsius, thereby being an excellent medium for archiving data and disaster recovery for very long periods of time.

"In this, we use semiconductor technology to emboss the images in metal on Silicon wafers. This will last for a many hundreds of years, and is water and fire proof," says Mukund.

From ideas to illustrations...

Two-day Art Exhibition at CAVA



Mysuru, Mar. 14 (MTY&AM)- "If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him or her" and so were the students of CAVA (Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts), who were given a medium to express their creativity and thoughts and also showcase their artworks at the two-day annual art exhibition of CAVA held at the College premises in Siddarthanagar in city yesterday.

The students of CAVA, from various streams — Painting, Sculpture, Graphics, Art History, Applied Arts, Photography and Photojournalism — came together to put up this art exhibition, with almost 400 different artworks, a result of their year-long creations.

As one enters the exhibition, the first thing which catches the eye is a cardboard painting of a cobbler mending some footwear and that art itself being used as the footwear stand for the public visiting the expo. Following this is an array of unique art works depicting different styles of painting, brushwork, photographs, sculptures and graphic representations.

Additional DC B.R. Poornima, who is also the in-charge Dean of CAVA, inaugurated the exhibition yesterday by expressing her thoughts about art on a black board through a message, *'You can't put a price on Art.'* Addressing the students informally, the ADC said that there should be newness in learning art, students should create new styles through experimentations and preserve art forms in as many forms as possible.

CAVA Administrative Officer Vijay Rao, Photography and Photojournalism Department Head Preethi Kapur and others were present.

The exhibition is open to public and will conclude this evening.

My Clean City App's new version launched

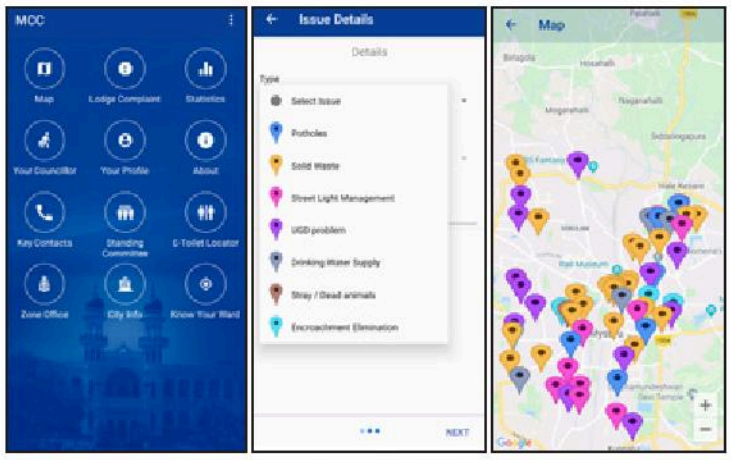
MCC promises to resolve civic issues within six hours

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (MTY&BCT)- A new and upgraded My Clean City App was launched yesterday and with the launch, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has promised that it will attend to issues within six hours if reported through the new app. The app has been introduced to ensure transparency in administration and make it more people-friendly and to increase accountability.

The app was launched by Mayor Tasneem, Deputy Mayor C. Sridhar and MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde. Though the MCC had released the app in 2019, the civic body had asked the developers to upgrade the app version to include more features and accuracy.

The app, developed by Future Design Technologies, now offers instant response to public grievances, it is pro-public and friendly, has a feature to redress civic problems including banned plastic usage and the app effectively adopts sophisticated geo-fencing technology — a feature that uses the Global Positioning System (GPS) or Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) to define geographical boundaries.

Mayor Tasneem, Deputy Mayor C. Sridhar and MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde seen releasing My Clean City App yesterday.



App can be dowloaded from Play Store

How does the app work?

Civic complaints lodged through the app will get immediate response. In the previous version of the app, the complaints lodged by the residents used to be transferred to the department concerned automatically. Later, the department head used to transfer the complaint to the Zone Officer who in-turn would direct the Ward Officer to solve the problem. In the new version of the app, the complaint goes directly to the ward officer so that the problems can be solved even faster.

"With the app, residents can click a picture of the issue or problem and key-in the details while the app will detect the location of the spot and send it to the jurisdiction officials. According to MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, the improved features of the updated app enable the complaint to reach the official concerned in the jurisdiction.

"If the official fails to attend to the complaint, the same will be automatically escalated to senior officials of the area. And if they delay attending to it within 24 hours, the complaint will directly reach the MCC Commissioner," he said.

SMS alerts

The complainant receives information via SMS on the complaint and the complainant will also receive status updates via SMS as soon as the Ward Officer reviews the issue. Information will be communicated after the issue is taken up and the stages of the problem getting solved.

"The app would speed up the existing paper and file-based complaint registering system where it has to cross through departments and ranks to reach the respective officials. The time taken for resolution of the complaint, however, will depend on the nature of the issue. If it is UGD-related issue or garbage related one, it would be resolved in six hours but for other major issues, we will have to wait for tenders," he said.

Virtual control room

The control room that is operating in MCC premises currently accepts complaints from citizens and is managed by human resources. My Clean City App will operate as an automated virtual control room model where complaints are registered, routed to the officer concerned and eventually solved. The geo-fencing technology in the app helps in locating the borders of all 65 Wards and its 9 Zonal divisions accurately.

'Excellent Business Development Manager'

Mysuru, Mar. 14- **Roshita R. Sain,** a fourth semester BBA student of MICA Degree College, Mysuru, was awarded and certified as 'Excellent Business Development Manager' at her internship for Sequent Media House, Bengaluru.

She was presented the award by Jagadish Shettar, Minister of Large and Medium Scale Industries at the International Economic Summit held in Bengaluru recently.

She was the youngest achiever among all the awardees, according to a press release from MICA College Principal M.N. Ponnamma.

Mysuru partially shut

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Following the week-long shutdown of all Government and private programmes, many residents preferred to stay at home as they were not ready to take the risk. Today is Saturday and a holiday season and all the tourist centres in city would be bustling with visitors. Even hotels and restaurants reported thin attendance. While malls remained shut, shopping complexes and supermarkets were open as usual but with less people. People managing the counters were seen wearing masks and using sanitisers frequently.

Some schools open

However, despite the government order, many private schools were open in city this morning and at a few schools, parents argued with the managements and principals for conducting classes in spite of the lockdown order. Working parents had to struggle to shift the children back homes from the schools.

While marriages and events that have been planned for today and tomorrow are being held as it is not possible to cancel the events, choultry and marriage hall owners are calling up people to cancel their events that are planned from Monday. There are over 200 choultries in Mysuru district and 150 of them have planned events.

Goods transport service hit

Following the Government's sudden closure order, the goods transport mechanism has been hit. Trucks transporting fruits, vegetables, milk and curds have not been able to carry goods from markets to individual shops.

There are over 150 student hostels run by Backward Classes and Minority Department, Social Welfare Department, University of Mysore, charity organisations and religious mutts. Students who do not have examinations (SSLC and PUC) have been asked to go home for a week or until further notice. Existing students have been given individual rooms instead of four to five students clubbed in a single room.

KSRTC reports fewer passengers

As there were few people in the bus stands, the KSRTC had to cancel many trips to tourist destinations. There are 448 city buses plying in 425 routes doing 4,600 trips. Today, buses plying to the IT hub in Hebbal, Chamundi Hill, Nanjangud, KRS and Srirangapatna were either cancelled or regulated with fewer trips, said KSRTC City Division DC M.N. Satish Kumar. Even other city buses reported fewer passengers in almost all routes as people preferred to stay indoors.

In the sub-urban sector, there are 701 buses and 4,500 trips operating in 670 trips. Here too, several routes have been cancelled or minimised including buses to Kerala, Chennai, Hyderabad and Tirupati. "Volvo service drivers and other drivers and conductors have been given masks and sanitisers as a precaution," said R. Ashok Kumar, Rural KSRTC DC.

Markets asked to maintain hygiene

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (PM&SD)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is on high alert as Coronavirus scare is gripping the city. A team lead by Mayor Tasneem, Deputy Mayor C. Sridhar with MCC officials visited Devaraja Market this morning and instructed merchants to maintain cleanliness.

The Mayor warned two shop owners who had not put the waste material into dustbin. Officials have warned the merchants that if cleanliness is not maintained their shops will be closed down.

Later, MCC team visited yoga centres in Gokulam and instructed heads of yoga centres to report to the District Administration or MCC if any foreign yoga students are having symptoms of Coronavirus. President of MCC Standing Committee on Health Gopi, Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraju, Environmental Engineer Mythri and other health officials were present.

Virus prank goes viral; two arrested

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Nagesh allegedly posted an image of his friends on WhatsApp with a caption that both have tested positive for COVID-19. He morphed images of a Kannada channel to place his friends' photos and named them and their villages. Not only this, the youths also shared the photos on the Instagram pages of their friends who were targeted.

After posts went viral, one Mahadevaswamy approached the Police seeking action against the rumour-mongers. Police traced the message to Nagesh who told the Police that it was Lokesh who had morphed the photos and shared with him on WhatsApp. Both were booked for spreading panic.

Government warning

Meanwhile, the State Government has warned against undermining public order by circulating unknown source news and rumours about Coronavirus that could cause panic. Those found to be circulating fake news and rumours will be held accountable.

According to the cybercrime law, producing and posting rumours on online platforms is a crime punishable. The warning comes in the wake of the spread of Coronavirus-related fake news on social media platforms.

The Government called on all members of the public to seek news and information from reliable and official sources and urged them to trust only the information shared by official sources and be aware of rumours and misinformation.

Mysuru DC clarifies

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar has clarified that the administration has not released any list of suspected cases in Mysuru. "There is some forward message doing the rounds with a list of names. I repeat the district administration has not published or shared any such list. Please confirm with me before taking any info as true. Verify with the district administration and then only publish. We should act in a manner that will instil confidence in people," the DC said.

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Defunct drinking water unit atop Chamundi Hill

The drinking water unit installed atop Chamundi Hill near the temple for the benefit of devotees and tourists has stopped functioning causing a lot of inconvenience especially during summer. One of SOM readers, who sent his photograph, said that he has been checking for the availability of drinking water since a month and there was no water every time he checked. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to provide drinking water for the benefit of all.

Plea to clear mud from drains on Theobald Road, Nazarbad

CESC workers, who dug trenches to lay cables at Lingaiah Colony on Theobald Road in Nazarbad, have dumped the mud inside drains and have not cleared it despite the works getting over 20 days ago. Residents said that when they asked the MCC officials to get the drain cleaned, they simply washed their hands by saying that it's not their work but the work of CESC as they had dumped the mud. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the drain cleaned at the earliest.

Awards for visually impaired women musicians

Seen are (from left) QCFI Mysuru Joint Secretary Murali, Treasurer Wadiraj, 'Change Maker' awardees Bharathi and Bhanumathi, chief guest - Advocate & former Karnataka State Women's Commission Chairperson Manjula Manasa, QCFI Mysuru Director Dr. Muthukumar, Secretary Abdul Kareem, Vice-Chairman Venkataram and Guest Speaker Rajalakshmi Agram Ramakrishna.

Mysuru, Mar. 14- Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI), Mysuru Chapter, celebrated International Women's Day at L&T Training Centre, Mysuru, recently.

The programme began with a welcome speech by Venkataram, Vice-Chairman, QCFI, Mysuru Chapter, followed by lighting of the lamp by chief guest, Manjula Manasa, Advocate and former Chairperson of Karnataka State Women's Commission.

Dr. Muthukumar, Director, QCFI, addressed the gathering, highlighted the statistics of women empowerment in corporate world and encouraged women to assume higher positions in the organisation.

Marking the occasion, QCFI Mysuru Chapter awarded 'Change Maker' awards to two visually impaired musicians — Bhanumathi and Bharathi.

Both are Vidwats in Karnatak and Hindustani music, who pursued their studies in music from city's Ranga Rao Memorial School for Disabled and then at Pandit Puttaraj Gawai Trust, Bengaluru. Now, they are teaching around 4,000 students at JSS School in Suttur.

The duo rendered Kannada songs on the occasion.

Chief guest Manjula Manasa spoke on women status and empowerment in the society. She concluded her speech by rendering a Kannada song on women.

Abdul Kareem, Secretary, QCFI Mysuru, proposed a vote of thanks. Wadiraj Kulkarni, Treasurer, QCFI Mysuru, was the Master of the Ceremony.

Krishna Kumar, Chairman, QCFI, Mysuru Chapter, Murali, Joint Secretary, QCFI, Mysuru, Harish from Ranga Rao Memorial School for Disabled and others were present.

WORKSHOP

As part of the Women's Day celebrations, a workshop on 'Each for Equal' was also held by QCFI, Mysuru. Rajalakshmi Agram Ramakrishna, Bengaluru, was the guest speaker, who spoke on work-life balance, professional happiness action plan and other aspects. She concluded the workshop with a quiz.

Around 60 women participants from various industries in and around Mysuru took part.

Education Department Vokkaliga Employees Association formed

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (SBD&DM)- The Karnataka State Education Department Vokkaliga Employees Welfare Association has come into existence with MLC K.T. Srikantegowda launching the Association at a programme organised at Vivekananda Hall in Mahajana PU College premises in Jayalakshmipuram here on Sunday.

Speaking on the occasion, Srikantegowda, who is also the Honorary President of the Association, said that the Association must work towards addressing issues concerning the Education Department employees.

Stressing on the need for amicable solutions to problems, he said that the Association must co-ordinate with other Associations and share information.

He also called upon the Association Members to popularise Poet Laureate Kuvempu's concept of simple marriage, organise mass marriages and engage in such other social activities.

Association President H.B. Basavaraj, Vice-President Krishnappa, office-bearers Arun Kumar, N. Revanna and D. Mahadev, Mysuru Taluk Vokkaligara Sangha President and former Zilla Panchayat (ZP) President Koorgalli Mahadev and others were present.

Kannada Book Authority subsidy

Calling young writers

Mysuru, Mar. 14- The Kannada Pustaka Pradhikara (Kannada Book Authority) has invited applications from young writers for granting subsidy for their first ever publication for the year 2019.

The works, including novels, poetries, short stories, plays and others, which has not been published elsewhere in any form and written by young authors will be considered.

Interested writers are requested to send their book to Kannada Pustaka Pradhikara, Kannada Bhavana, J.C. Road, Bengaluru, before Apr. 15. For details, contact Ph: 080-22484516 or 22017704, according to a release.

Classical music must be taken to greater heights: Seer

Vidwan Kukke Subramanya Mutt Seer Vidya Prasanna Teertha Swamiji is seen with (from left) eldest son of Vid. R.K. Srikantan Vidwan Rudrapatnam S. Ramakanth; Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha President K.V. Murthy; Ganabharathi President Dr. C.G. Narasimhan; Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Secretary H.K. Narasimha Murthy; Renowned music Scholar Prof. R. Visweswaran; JSS Sangeetha Sabha President Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao and Vid. R.K. Srikantan's younger son R.S. Kumar, at Jayachamaraja Wadiyar and Sangeetha Kalanidhi Dr. R.K. Srikantan birth centenary celebrations in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Mar.14 (YDS&DM)- Emphasising on the need for taking classical music to greater heights, Kukke Subramanya Mutt seer Vidya Prasanna Teertha Swamiji said that at the same time, it must also be ensured that classical music does not get weakened under the influence of modern music.

He was speaking after inaugurating Mysore Maharaja Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar and *Padma Bhushan* Sangeetha Kalanidhi Dr. R.K. Srikantan birth centenary celebrations jointly organised by Vidwan R.K. Srikantan Trust and Ganabharathi at Veene Seshanna Bhavan on Adichunchanagiri Road in Kuvempunagar yesterday.

Noting that many are contributing for the growth of classical music within the framework of conservatism, he said that classical music has its own speciality and richness. Pointing out that Haridasa compositions have the strength to attract a big audience, Vidya Prasanna Teertha Swamiji said that classical music will remain eternal because of its richness and unique characteristics.

Highlighting the contributions made by Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar and R.K. Srikantan for the promotion of classical music, he said that the names of the two great personalities will always remain etched in the minds of music-lovers across the country.

JSS Sangeetha Sabha President K. Ramamurthy Rao said that different forms of music and arts give new enthusiasm to life. He called upon the youth to engage themselves in arts and music activities.

Ganabharathi President Dr. C.G. Narasimhan, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha President K.V. Murthy, JSS Sangeetha Sabha President Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao and Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Secretary H.K. Narasimha Murthy were conferred *'Kala Poshaka Shreshta'* award on the occasion.

A live concert CD of R.K. Srikantan's and a book *'Sampradaya Sangeetha Darshini'* were also released on the occasion.

Vidwan Rudrapatnam S. Ramakanth, son of R.K. Srikantan, presented a musical concert following the award presentation.

Quality certification training

Mysuru, Mar.14- The District Child Protection Cell, in association with the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat and Women and Child Welfare Department, conducted a two-day Child Care Centre Quality Certification Training in city recently.

Speaking after inaugurating the Training programme, Women and Child Welfare Deputy Director K. Padma said that it was mandatory for Child Care Centres to strictly adhere to the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act and other model norms. She also pointed out that Child Care Centres should pay maximum attention for facilities, as per a 2007 Supreme Court order.

Chief Trainer from Mangaluru, Sister Dulsin Crasta, gave a talk on the concept and objectives of training and quality care at Child Care Centres.

The event also featured interactions and debates on child issues.

Temple burgled

Mysuru, Mar.14 (SBD&DM)- Burglars have struck again, this time targeting a temple in the city. The Sri Kalika Devi Temple on ABBA Road in Gandhinagar was found burgled on Thursday morning.

Burglars, who gained entry into the Temple by breaking open the front door late on Wednesday night, have decamped with six-gram gold jewellery that adorned the deity, 50-gram silver articles kept in the almirah at sanctum sanctorum and cash from the Hundi (offerings box) after breaking it open. The burglary came to light when the Temple priest came to the Temple on early Thursday morning.

Nazarbad Police have registered a case in this regard and are investigating.

Srikanteshwara Swamy Dodda Jathre at Nanjangud

Nanjangud, Mar.14- The religious rituals as part of the Dodda Jathre of Srikanteshwara Swamy Temple in Nanjangud will commence from Mar. 28 and conclude on Apr. 8. Gauthama Pancha Maharathotsava will be held on Apr. 4 from 5.25 am to 6.30 am. Theppotsava will be held on Apr. 6 at Kapila River at 7 pm, according to a release.

KSOU exams postponed

Mysuru, Mar.14- Amid the COVID-19 scare and directions from the Government, the KSOU (Karnataka State Open University) in the city has postponed all its exams with effect from today (Mar.14) until further orders.

The revised schedule will be announced later, according to a press release issued by the University Registrar (Evaluation) Dr. Kavitha Rai.

For more details, visit the University website www.ksoumysuru.ac.in or call Ph: 0821-2519947, 2519948 or 2515405.

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KSCA Group II, 2nd Division League

Bengaluru's ASC scores over Triton SC, Mysuru

Bengaluru, Mar. 14- Inspiring bowling performance by Avishek Sharma (4/22) helped ASC Centre, Bengaluru, to register a four-wicket win over Triton SC, Mysuru and enter the final in the KSCA Group II, 2nd Division League 2019-20 played at Bengaluru recently.

Batting first, Triton SC scored 158/6 in 20 overs. Useful contributions came in from T.P. Sharbin 44, S.J. Nikin Jose 42 and R.S. Yogesh 36. Avishek Sharma impressed with a four wicket haul (4/22) for ASC Centre.

In reply, ASC Centre scored 161/6 in 18.2 overs. Mohit Maan (35), Ritesh Negi (39) were the scorers. G. Pavan (3/28) and T.P. Sharbin (2/35) were the wicket-takers for Triton SC.

In the other semi-final, Baghirathi Group scored a 42-run win over Infosys Cricket Club and entered the final.

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Semi-finals

Triton SC, Mysuru: 158/6 in 20 overs (R.S. Yogesh 36, S.J. Nikin Jose 42, T.P. Sharbin 44, Avishek Sharma 4/22) lost to **ASC Centre, Bengaluru:** 161/6 in 18.2 overs (Mohit Maan 35, Ritesh Negi 39, G. Pavan 3/28, T.P. Sharbin 2/35).

Baghirathi Group: 182/5 in 20 overs (Adarsh Prajwal 38, Shaun Tristan Joseph 26, Thippa Reddy 63 n.o., Raghavendra 2/38) bt **Infosys Cricket Club:** 140/9 in 20 overs (Aryan 27, Darshan 28, Shaun Tristan Joseph 2/34, Thippa Reddy 4/21).

Senior Women's Inter-State Championship

Mysuru's Rakshitha to lead Karnataka

Bengaluru, Mar. 14- Rakshitha Krishnappa from Mysuru will lead Karnataka's senior women's team for the senior women's knock-out Inter-State Championship in Vadodara from Mar.15.

Mysore's Shubha Satish is also part of the team.

TEAM: Rakshitha Krishnappa (Captain), G. Divya (VC), Veda Krishnamurthy, V.R. Vanitha, Shubha Satish, C. Prathyusha, Akanksha Kohli, Monica Patel, Sahana S. Pawar, V. Chandu, Sanjana Batni (WK), Prathyoosha Kumar, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, K. Pushpa and Nikki Prasad.

Rakshitha Krishnappa

Chandigarh's Gursimar wins Hero Women's PGT - Leg 6

Mysuru's Pranavi Urs finishes sixth

Gursimar Badwal

Gurugram, Mar. 14- Chandigarh's Gursimar Badwal with a three-day aggregate score of one-under-215 (79+67+69) clinched the coveted title on the third and final day of the 6th leg of Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour 2020 played at Classic Golf & Country Club in Gurugram yesterday.

Saaniya Sharma (217= 79+71+67) and last leg's winner Vani Kapoor (73+72+72= 217) tied with a three-day aggregate score of one-over 217 and secured the second and third places respectively.

Neha Tripathi with a three-day card of two-over-218 (73+74+71) secured the fourth place. Amateur golfer Asmitha Sathish with a three-day's aggregate score of three-over-219(74+71+74) secured the fifth place.

Mysuru's professional woman golfer Pranavi S. Urs, with a three-day aggregate score of 4-over-220 (74+71+74), secured the sixth place.

Pranavi S. Urs

Another Mysuru golfer Sonam Chugh (JWGC) with a three-day score of 18-over-234 (79+76+79) secured the 15th place.

Football: Facile win for Kishore FC

Mysuru, Mar. 14- A goal each by left-out Lakshmisha (2nd) and centre-half Sunil (50th) enabled Kishore FC to register a facile 2-0 win over Mysore Hunters FC in the MDFA 'C' Division Football League 2019-20 for the Chirag Trophy played at the University Grounds here on Friday.

RESULT — Kishore FC: 2 (Lakshmisha 2, Sunil 50) bt **Mysore Hunters FC:** 0.

NIE Invitational Kho-Kho postponed indefinitely

Mysuru, Mar. 14- As per the directions from the State Government following the outbreak of COVID-19, the NIE Invitational Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Zone Kho-Kho Men Championship 2020 scheduled from today (Mar.14) at NIE Grounds has been postponed indefinitely, according to a press release from the Physical Education Director, NIE.

PGTI Bengal Open Golf

Mysuru lad Aalaap makes the cut

Kolkata, Mar. 14- PGTI Order of Merit Udayan Mane of Pune, searching for a record fourth straight title on the TATA Steel PGTI, was back in familiar territory as he found himself in the joint lead at 10-under-130 at the halfway stage of the Bengal Open Golf Championship 2020 being played at the Tollygunge Club in Kolkata.

Pre-Tournament favorite Mane's (67-63) seven-under-63 yesterday was his 14th consecutive round in the 60s on the PGTI.

Bengaluru's Khalin Joshi (67-63), Chandigarh's Aadil Bedi (65-65) and Mhow's Om Prakash Chouhan (65-65) too enjoyed a share of the second-round lead.

I.L. Aalaap

Gurugram's Digvijay Singh, the first-round leader, slipped to tied fifth at nine-under-131 after recording a 69 on day two. Mukesh Kumar (65) of Mhow and Sri Lankan N. Thangaraja (66) also joined Digvijay in tied fifth.

Mysuru lad I.L. Aalaap (JWGC) with a two-day card of 1-under-139 (74+65) made the cut and is placed 39th in the ranking after round two.

Noida's Dipankar Kaushal shot the best round of the day, a flawless eight-under-62, to be placed eighth at eight-under-132.

The cut was declared at even-par-140. Fifty-six professionals progressed to the weekend rounds.

IPL 2020 postponed due to Coronavirus

To start from Apr.15 instead of Mar.29

New Delhi, Mar. 14- The start of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 has been postponed to Apr. 15 from Mar.29 as a "precautionary measure" against the Coronavirus pandemic, the Board of Control of Cricket in India (BCCI) said in a statement yesterday.

The BCCI statement comes at the back of the announcement made by the Delhi Government that it will not allow any sporting activity in the National Capital due to the health crisis. "The BCCI has decided to suspend IPL 2020 till Apr.15, as a precautionary measure against the ongoing Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation," the Cricket Board said in a statement.

"The BCCI is concerned and sensitive about all its stakeholders, and public health in general, and it is taking all necessary steps to ensure that, all people related to IPL including fans have a safe cricketing experience."

"The BCCI will work closely with the Government of India along with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and all other relevant Central and State Government Departments in this regard," the statement added.

Earlier in the day, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia had said that gatherings of over 200 people at sporting events or conferences will not be allowed until further notice "for the purpose of prevention and control of the outbreak of the epidemic disease, COVID-19."

COVID-19: Don't panic but take precautions, say city docs

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (RKB&BCT)- With a growing number of cases of the novel coronavirus confirmed across the world, having a sore throat or some sniffles might feel like a cause for concern. But in most cases, there is no reason to worry, experts say.

"If you are worried you might have the coronavirus, pick up the phone before you seek medical treatment. The reason for this is two fold: In very mild cases, your doctor might be able to give you advice on how to treat your symptoms at home without needing to see you in person, which would reduce the number of other people you expose," said office-bearers from Mysore Medical College Alumni Association (MAA) and MAHAN, the Mysore Association of Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Diagnostic Centre.

At a joint press conference held at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday, MAHAN President Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem said, "vast majority of cases are going to be mild, and people are going to recover just like they do from a cold or flu-like illness. There is no need to panic but people must take precautions. In more serious cases please approach doctors where medical treatment is necessary to assist with breathing issues or other problems."

"If you have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with the coronavirus or have recently travelled to an area where the virus is spreading, and you develop a fever, a cough or difficulty breathing, consult a doctor for professional guidance on whether to be tested," he added.

Coronavirus is spread through respiratory vapour, such as when someone sneezes or coughs into the air around you. "The things you should do to protect yourself from the coronavirus are things you should do every day. The main thing you can do to prevent any respiratory illness is to practice good personal hygiene," said Dr. S.P. Yoganna of Suyog Hospital.

"Avoid close contact with people who are sick, especially people exhibiting respiratory symptoms and fever. Stay home when you're sick and regularly and thoroughly clean surfaces, such as counter tops and doorknobs, with a disinfectant. Also, don't heed to messages on social media as most of them are fake and come from pranksters and unauthenticated sources," he added.

MAHAN Secretary H.R. Abhijith, Dr. Deepu Changappa of Cauvery Heart and Multispecialty Hospital, MAA President Dr. Prasannashankar, Dr. Muddasir Khan, Dr. Vijaya Cheluvaraju and others were present.

Masks, sanitisers put under Essential Commodities Act

New Delhi, Mar. 14 (UNI)- The Centre has brought masks and hand sanitisers under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (EC Act) to make sure that these products, key for preventing the spread of Covid-19 infection, are available to people at the right price and in the right quality.

The move comes as panic buying by people resulted in stocks of masks and sanitizers disappearing from the markets. They are being sold at exorbitant prices in areas where the supplies exist.

Taking note of the fact that masks (2ply and 3ply surgical masks and N95 masks) and hand sanitisers are not easily available and vendors are charging exorbitant prices for them, the government declared these items as essential commodities till June 30 under the EC Act, an official statement said here.

Under this Act, the States and Union Territories can ask manufacturers to enhance their production capacity so that these products are widely available to consumers. Under the Act, an offender may be punished with an imprisonment up to seven years.

The Consumer Affairs Ministry has also invoked the Prevention of Black-marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980 which would carry out action against those involved in overpricing and black marketing of the products.

Under the Essential Commodities Act, States can ask manufacturers to enhance their production capacity of these items, to make the supply chain smooth, while under the Legal Metrology Act, which is also in force, the States can ensure sale of both at maximum retail price (MRP).

Travel operators appeal Tourism Minister to waive off Quarterly Tax for Tourist vehicles

Mysuru, Mar.14- Following a sharp fall in business due to Coronavirus scare, travel operators have appealed Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi to waive off quarterly tax for tourist vehicles.

In a letter addressed to the Tourism Minister, Mysuru Travels Association said that there has been a drastic downfall in travel business due to COVID-19.

Pointing out that there is a lot of cancellation of confirmed bookings, the Association said that it has become very difficult to run travel business, with restrictions from the Government for tourists arriving in the city from other countries.

Noting that their income has fell sharply due to very low business, the Association appealed C.T. Ravi to waive off quarterly tax on tourist vehicles and also provide a three-month grace period for vehicle owners to pay Bank EMI.

Obituary

B.K. Srikantaiah Bukanakere

Mysuru, Mar. 14- B.K. Srikantaiah Bukanakere (94), a resident of K.R. Nagar, passed away this morning.

His wife had predeceased him. He leaves behind three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Cremation will take place at K.R. Nagar Veerashaiva burial ground at 5 pm today.

New Chairperson for District Reddressal Forum

B. Narayanappa

Mysuru, Mar. 14- B. Narayanappa recently took charge as Chairperson of Mysuru District Reddressal Forum (popularly known as Consumer Court) from Maragood who is the now the Chairperson of Kodagu District Forum.

At present there are 1,650 complaints in Mysuru Forum and Narayanappa hopes that he will dispose of maximum number of complaints at the earliest. He will hold the post for about four-and-a-half-years.

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	Acre	Gunta	Kharab		SURVEY NUMBERS				
			A	B					
224	01	09	00	00	223	Halla	Halla	Halla	LNDC10001319: 07/11/2018
250/1	00	15	04	00	252	Road	253	250/2, 4	LNDC10001367: 07/11/2018
250/2	00	35	00	00	250/4	Road	250/1	250/3	LNDC10001357: 07/11/2018
250/3	00	37	00	00	251	Road	250/2,4	Halla	LNDC10001362: 07/11/2018
250/4	00	17	00	00	252	250/2,3	250/1	250/3	LNDC10001342: 07/11/2018
251/1	02	23	00	10	Halla	251/3	251/2	Halla	LNDC10001356: 07/11/2018
251/3	00	31	00	00	251/1	251/4,5,6	252	Halla	LNDC10001318: 07/11/2018
251/4	00	23	00	00	251/3	250 & Halla	251/5	Halla	LNDC10001366: 07/11/2018
251/5	00	12	00	00	251/3	250	251/6	251/4	LNDC10001348: 07/11/2018
251/6	00	17	00	00	251/3	250	252	251/5	DMD39803498B67461:06/11/2019
252/2A	01	18	00	01	252/1,3	253	253 & 254	252/2B2	LNDC10001355: 07/11/2018
252/2B	01	28	00	00	251/1	250	252/2	252	ALN (2)CR.418/2007-08:12/12/2008
254/2B	01	24	00	00	219	219	254/2A	252	LNDC10001320: 07/11/2018
13 Sy Nos	13	09	04	11					

Above lands are situated at Thoremavu Village, Chikkaiahna Chatra Hobli, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysore District.

Place: MYSURU
Date: 14/03/2020

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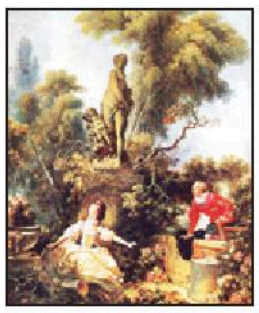
WORD OF THE DAY

Stownlins



Pronunciation: stoun-linz
Meaning: Secretly, stealthily.
Origin: Scots English has many interesting words, and stownlins is one of them. Stownlins is an adverb meaning "secretly, stealthily." Stownlins is formed from stown, Scots for English stolen, and the compound adverb suffix -lins, formed from the now rare and dialectal suffix -ling and the adverb suffix -s (as in English always, unawares). Stownlins appears in print in 1786 in a poem by Robert Burns.
Example: But she my fairest faithfu' lass; And stownlins we sall meet again (Robert Burns).

THE ODD WORD

Salterello

Musical Dance of Italy.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A safe pair of hands

Meaning: Someone who you can trust to do an important job well, without making mistakes.
Origin: The phrase has its origin from the UK. Applied to politicians or diplomats who were given sensitive work that required careful handling.
The earliest references to the phrase link it to the public school sports of cricket and rugby. It's easy to see how it migrated from there to the public school dominated world of Victorian UK politics.
Example: Colleagues regard her as a safe pair of hands.

QUOTE BOX

Sacrifice is a step beyond convenience. **—Bill Johnson**

RIDDLE THIS

What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

Answer: Short

SUDOKU

	8		6	5				
		1	9					2
					1		7	8
				7	9		8	
2								1
	7		4	1				
3	4		1					
8					2	6		
				4	5		9	

Answer to previous puzzle

8	3	6	5	9	2	7	1	4
1	4	7	6	8	3	5	2	9
5	9	2	4	7	1	6	3	8
4	6	8	9	2	7	1	5	3
9	1	5	3	4	6	8	7	2
2	7	3	1	5	8	4	9	6
3	2	1	7	6	4	9	8	5
6	8	9	2	1	5	3	4	7
7	5	4	8	3	9	2	6	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Animal's den
5 A small drink of liquor
8 Nav. readings
12 Ex-India batsman Pravin ___
13 Period of time
14 Earring site
15 Die (4,4)
17 A measure of area
18 Superlative suffix ?
19 Servile attendant
21 Screen off or cut out?
24 Hard shell
25 Direction of the orient
26 Indian queen
27 J&K district
30 Root mean square, in short
31 Groups united by a specific doctrine or under a leader
32 BSE deal
33 New as a prefix
34 Alien craft
35 Ms Parekh of Bollywood
36 Goddess of tillage
38 Ravi Shankar's forte?
39 Steward
41 A quantity of money
42 Oriental nanny - "a ham" changed?
43 Sky ___ : rose very steeply?
48 Exercise one's franchise?
49 Quite a commotion
50 Mumtaz movie or something to eat
51 Ogler or viewer
52 Latitude, abbr.
53 Murky fog

DOWN

1 One circuit on the race course
2 American Medical Association, acronym
3 Inland Revenue Service, acronym?
4 Detest or dislike
5 An amphibian, eft
6 Irish Republican Army, acronym
7 Remittances?
8 Oblique position or biased point of view?
9 Advocate of community participation
10 Famous Spanish river - "bore" anagram?
11 ____ to it : ensured that it is attended, in a way?
16 Inquire of
20 Egyptian goddess
21 Swiss city
22 Crippled or maimed
23 Join or fraternize; unite
24 Thin stuffed Mexican pancakes
26 Recommendation for a job, maybe?
28 Hebrew measure - "pa he" anagram?
29 Greyish white; grey with age?
31 __ footed : not likely to trip or tumble while walking or running?
35 They are trying to hit the target?
37 An anaesthetic
38 Josef ___ : 1874–1935, Czech composer and violinist?
39 Signal in a way
40 Chinese seaport - "Mayo" anagram?
41 Native Celt
44 Harem room
45 Ex-England batsman ___ Graveney
46 WWII battleground
47 ____ up : excavate or unearth?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	D	S		T	I	M			B	E	A	
V	I	A		A	R	E	A		B	O	N	Y
E	N	D	U	R	I	N	G		O	X	E	N
			P	O	S	T	I	N	G			
	P	O	R	T	H	O	L	E		P	E	S
A	R	G	O			R	E	A	L	I	S	T
P	O	L	A	R				P	A	T	S	Y
O	V	E	R	A	C	T			H	O	A	X
D	E	S		G	L	U	T	T	O	N	Y	
			F	E	A	T	H	E	R			
R	E	D	O		S	T	O	N	E	A	G	E
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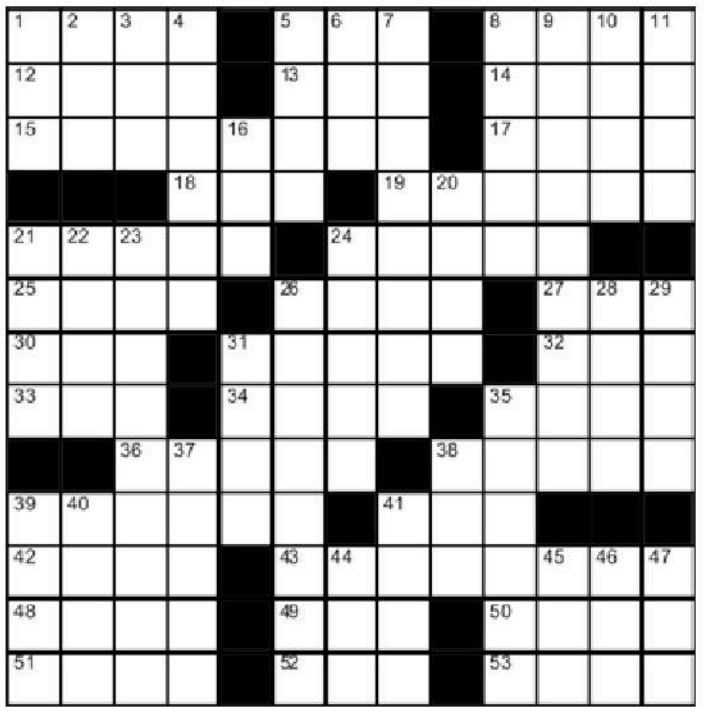

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

I UXOH GDD IFGXJK XE OD UXOH IG IRR.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS O

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If you have made mistakes, even serious ones, there is always another chance for you. What we call failure is not the falling down but the staying down.

202 graduates receive degrees at JSS Medical College Convocation

The new MBBS graduates of JSS Medical College, Mysuru, seen with Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji; Dr. H. Vinod Bhat, Vice-Chancellor of Manipal Academy of Higher Education; Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha; Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER); Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER; Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS AHER; Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Director-Academics, JSS AHER; Dr. H. Basavana Gowdappa, Principal, JSS Medical College and other dignitaries.

"Focus on serving rural folk"

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (AM)- In his graduation address to the 202 new MBBS graduates of JSS Medical College, Mysuru, Dr. H. Vinod Bhat, Vice-Chancellor of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), said, "Focus on serving the rural people where there is more need for medical attention and limited resources available to you. This will help you realise how noble and revered a doctor's profession is."

The annual convocation ceremony of JSS Medical College was held at Sri Rajendra Auditorium, College premises, here at Bannimantap yesterday. The graduates were administered the 'Hippocratic Oath' and then, presented with graduation certificates and medals by Dr. Bhat in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. Dr. Bhat also congratulated the staff and parents for their respective contributions.

Commending the role of women doctors in the country and across the globe, Dr. Bhat spoke about the importance of medical colleges and the quality of education they impart. With medical colleges mushrooming in the country, the quality of the education needs to be closely monitored, he added.

Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, presided. Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor and Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, were the guests of honour. Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research and Dr. H. Basavana Gowdappa, Principal, JSS Medical College, were also present.

*THE GOLDEN GIRLS: **Dr. Preethi Prakash Prabhu** (centre), **who secured the highest number of gold medals (five), is seen with other medal winners** (from left) **Dr. K.R. Rashmi, Dr. Akshara Prasad, Dr. Salvya S. Raj, Dr. Delina Rosemary Roger, Dr. B.N. Anushree, Dr. A. Meenu, Dr. B. Chandrika and Dr. Rajashree R. Kalkura.***

Nine meritorious students were presented gold medals and cash prizes for their academic excellence. Professor Y.T. Thathachari endowment prize for 'Best Research Publication' and 'Best Teacher' award were also presented to the College Faculty on the occasion.

Student Awardees

Dr. Preethi Prakash Prabhu (Mysuru), was awarded five gold medals — Ambabai Nanjundaiah Memorial gold medal for 'Best Outgoing Student'; Dr. Mannakrishna Memorial gold medal for securing highest marks in Anatomy; M.N. Basavarajaiah Memorial gold medal for securing highest marks in Medicine; Sarojini Siddappa Manoli Memorial gold medal for securing highest marks in OBG and Dr. Sumana S. Rao award for 'Best student in Psychiatry.' Dr. Preethi was also awarded five cash prizes for being the topper in Physiology, Com. Medicine, highest marks in MBBS Phase-1,2&3, Vijayraghavachar and Sathyavathi endowment cash prize for securing highest marks in Medicine.

Dr. A. Meenu (Kerala) was awarded two gold medals — M.D. Chikkaveerappa Memorial gold medal for securing highest marks in Biochemistry and Dr. M.N. Channabasappa Memorial gold medal for highest marks in Surgery.

Dr. K.R. Rashmi (Chikkaballapura) was awarded Dr. D.S. Sivappa Memorial gold medal for securing highest marks in Pharmacology and two cash prizes for being the topper in Forensic medicine and MBBS Phase-2.

Dr. Delina Rosemary Roger (Kerala) was awarded Dr. M.K. Meera gold medal for securing highest marks in Pathology; **Dr. Salvya S. Raj (Kerala)** was awarded three cash prizes for being the topper in Forensic medicine, Com. Medicine and Ophthalmology; **Dr. B. Chandrika (Mangaluru)** was also awarded three cash prizes for topping in E.N.T, Paediatrics and securing highest marks in MBBS-Phase 1 & 3; **Dr. Akshara Prasad (Chennai)** was awarded cash prize for topping in Microbiology; **Dr. Rajashree R. Kalkura (Kerala)** was awarded cash prize for being topper in Forensic medicine and **Dr. B.N. Anushree (Puttur)** was awarded cash prize for being a topper in Paediatrics, according to a press release from the College Principal.

To Our Readers

CORONAVIRUS SCARE: In the wake of the State Government's order for closure of malls, theatres, multiplexes, clubs, commercial establishments and also to not hold any public programmes which involves gathering of large number of people, the STAR MOVIE GUIDE and EVENTS column will not be published until further orders. **—Ed**

Free eye screening camp

Mysuru, Mar. 14- Annapoorna Eye Hospital has extended its free eye screening for citizens of all ages groups as part of Women's Day and Holi festival. **The free camp that began on Mar. 12 concludes on Mar. 27 at its Hootagalli branch (near Silent Shores, Hootagalli junction) and will be held from 11 am to 8 pm.**

For more details contact Mob: 88844-88262, according to a press release.

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